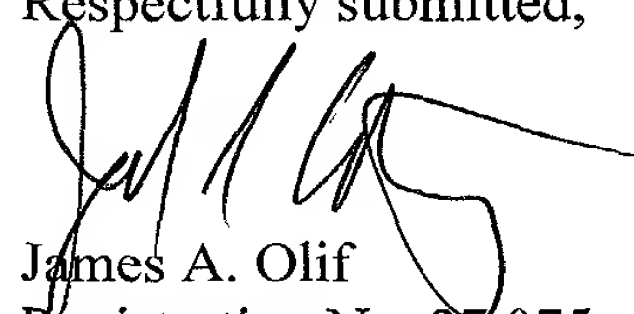


REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 3-5 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and claims 8-10 are added to compensate for the subject matter deleted from claims 3-5. The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)). Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) An amplifier comprising a device as claim in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~.
4. (Amended) A transformer comprising a device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~.
5. (Amended) An inverter comprising a device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~.

Claims 8-10 are added.